

[1st August 2001]

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16.	Bairabi Dam HEP, Mizoram (Govt. of Mizoram)	2×40	Rs. 549.43	NA
17.	Dhamwari Sunda HEP, H.P.(Private Sector)	2×35	US \$ 10.91 M+Rs. 393.04	NA

Effect of delay in taking decision on Enron

**1144. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:**

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delay in taking decision on Enron is causing great harm to the nation;

(b) if so, whether the Centre has decided to take tough stand on Enron;

(c) whether a meeting was called during the month of April, 2001 and all the differences that existed were finally settled;

(d) if so, the main features of the agreement reached;

(e) to what extent both the Centre, Maharashtra Government and Enron have agreed to implement the decisions taken by Government on this issue; and

(f) whether this settlement has been finally agreed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (f) There have been certain disputes between the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and the Dabhol Power Company (DPC), who were the two signatories to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the power project being promoted by Enron and their partners. The Government of Maharashtra has constituted a Negotiating Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Madhav Godbole, ex-Home Secretary to the Government of India, to renegotiate the project with DPC. Conciliation proceedings between the Government of India (GoI)

and DPC in regard to obligations under the counter guarantee issued to the project by GoI, are also presently in progress. Efforts are being made by the GoI to facilitate an early resolution to the issues and the GoI has appointed its nominee on the Negotiating Committee set up by the State Government. It would be premature to comment on any possible harm to the nation on account of delays, etc., at a time when the negotiation/conciliation process is in progress. Several meetings have been held of the Negotiating Committee and also at the GoI level. However a final settlement has not been reached by the parties concerned.

Power Generation through Captive Power Projects

†1145. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain industries are generating power in the country through captive power projects to fulfil their fuel related needs;

(b) if so, total quantity of power being generated through this medium in the country and the installed generation capacity of these projects;

(c) whether a decision has been taken to earmark the surplus power produced by these projects for the use of common men through the medium of power grid;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the average generation cost of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details regarding the total installed capacity and the quantity of power being generated by captive power plants are not available as under Section 44 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, the State Electricity Boards give consent to setting up of captive power plants by various industries. However, as per information available with the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.